



December 31, 2019

Honorable Ruth A. Abrams
Acting Secretary
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Ms. Abrams:

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 407(d)(2), and consistent with Order No. 4799 in Docket No. CP2018-287, where the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) reviewed inbound EMS rates applicable starting in January of 2019,¹ the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) files as Attachment 1 to this letter a redacted copy of an EMS rate agreement between the Postal Service and a foreign postal operator (Agreement). The Postal Service has marked the nonpublic, unredacted version of this Agreement as "Confidential" and "Non-Public" and has filed it under seal because it contains information considered confidential and commercially sensitive by the affected postal operator and the Postal Service.

The Postal Service considers certain portions of the Agreement filed in this matter to be protected by 39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(2) and thereby not subject to mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Further, the Agreement contains the commercial information of the Postal Service and the affected postal operator, and, as such, certain portions of the Agreement are subject to protection under Exemptions 3 and 4 of FOIA. Consequently, the Postal Service requests that the redacted portions of the Agreement remain confidential and incorporates by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment filed with the Postal Service's initial Notice in Docket No. CP2018-287.² In addition, we respectfully request that the Commission coordinate with the Postal Service in the event that this agreement becomes the subject of a FOIA request, so that we can engage in appropriate consultations with the affected postal operator.

¹ PRC Order No. 4799, Order Approving Changes in Prices Not of General Applicability for Inbound EMS 2, Docket No. CP2018-287, August 28, 2018. This is also consistent with the practice under PRC Order No. 1865 granting the United States Postal Service's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 1822 in PRC Docket No. CP2013-77. See PRC Order No. 1865, Order Granting Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 1822, Docket No. CP2013-77, October 30, 2013.

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filings Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound EMS 2, and Application for Non-Public Treatment, at Attachment 1 (Application of the United States Postal Service for Non-Public Treatment), Docket No. CP2018-287, August 13, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if further information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'm R', is positioned above the typed name.

Mikhail Raykher
Attorney
Global Business & Service Development

Enclosures

ROBERT H. RAINES, JR.
MANAGING DIRECTOR
GLOBAL BUSINESS



December 17, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am writing to provide you with the 2019 EMS [REDACTED] rates for your review and acceptance for [REDACTED]. These rates are applicable only for EMS volume sent from [REDACTED].

In the interest of growing the exchange of EMS items between [REDACTED] and the United States Postal Service (USPS), we would like to propose a [REDACTED]. This [REDACTED] would be based on [REDACTED] of our two Posts.

Pursuant to the Universal Postal Union International Bureau (UPU IB) Circular 49 issued on April 9, 2018, the U.S. Government requires the transmission of Item Attribute (ITMATT) M33-11 data from all its EMS partners for all EMS items sent to the U.S. as a condition of acceptance. In addition, on October 24, 2018, the U.S. Government enacted the Synthetic Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act. Among other things, the new law (19 U.S.C. § 1415(a)(3)(K)(vi)) mandates that 100 percent of inbound shipments containing goods—which includes express, parcels, tracked packets, and untracked packets—be accompanied by electronic advance data (EAD) by December 31, 2020. EAD includes both ITMATT and Pre-Advice/items nested to the receptacle (PREDES). Without having the PREDES data coupled with the ITMATT data, United States Customs and Border Protection cannot successfully target shipments to identify packages containing illicit goods. Failure to meet the above EAD requirements could result in a delay or return of your inbound shipments.

Based on the above proposal, [REDACTED]

We therefore propose to apply the following [REDACTED] for EMS items exchanged between [REDACTED] and USPS in [REDACTED]:

- United States to [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] to the United States: [REDACTED]

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 5100
WASHINGTON, DC 20260-0004
202-268-5931
FAX: 202-268-8095
WWW.USPS.COM

Please also note that the rate proposal included in this letter is valid for [REDACTED] only and will not be applied for any EMS items dispatched after [REDACTED]. The rates for EMS items destined for the U.S. that the UPU IB publishes in its Circulars for 2020, and for subsequent years, will not be discounted without an agreement signed by both USPS and [REDACTED] in advance of the specific time periods to which such discounts would apply.

The pricing set forth in this letter may be reviewed by the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), an independent U.S. government agency. After [REDACTED] provides USPS its written acceptance of the proposals in this letter, the USPS shall furnish this instrument to the PRC. Any pricing in this instrument may be subject to review and/or non-objection by the PRC. In the event of any adverse outcome associated with the regulatory review of the prices in this instrument, the rates for EMS items exchanged between [REDACTED] and USPS in [REDACTED] will continue to be the rates as indicated in the applicable UPU IB circular for 2019. USPS will notify [REDACTED] should there be any issues with regulatory review of the instrument.

Under U.S. law, the USPS is also required to file all commercial agreements signed with an agency of a foreign government, including this letter, with the PRC. The USPS believes that it is possible that your organization may have a proprietary interest in information in this letter. Because we consider it to be sensitive commercial information, we will designate the letter as "non-public." In other words, some of the information in the letter will not be publicly available on the PRC's website; rather, it will be available only to the PRC staff and third persons who are able to certify that they are not involved in competitive decision making.

Under U.S. law (Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 3007), whenever the USPS files information non-publicly, the USPS is required to notify any organization that may have an interest in the nonpublic information that it is filing such information with the PRC, together with an application for the PRC to treat the information as non-public material. As required by its regulations, we will identify the USPS as the PRC's point of contact in the event that additional notices need to be sent concerning this filing. This is done to protect your confidentiality. USPS will inform you of any such notices it receives.

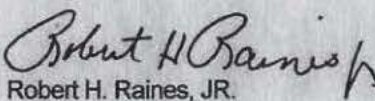
We are also required to notify you that your organization may address any confidentiality concerns that you may have directly with the PRC. At this time, we do not believe any action is needed on the part of your organization. However, we are required to advise you that the procedure for making an application to the PRC for non-public treatment of materials believed to be protected from disclosure is found at Title 39, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 3007, Subpart B, including Sections 3007.201 and 3007.204, and it also may be viewed on the PRC's website at: www.prc.gov/docs/105/105579/Order%20No.%204679.pdf.

Again, we do not believe there is any need for action on your part; we are simply fulfilling our obligation to give your organization notice of the non-public filing, as required by U.S. law. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mikhail Raykher, Attorney, U.S. Postal Service Law Department, at 202-268-4277 or via e-mail at mikhail.raykher@usps.gov.

Please confirm your acceptance of the above [REDACTED] EMS [REDACTED] by December 20, 2019 by counter signing below and returning a copy of this signed letter by email to Ms. Allison Laakso at allison.s.laakso@usps.gov and to the EMS inbox at EMSrates@usps.gov

We look forward to continuing to grow the important EMS business between us.

Sincerely,


Robert H. Raines, JR.

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On behalf of [REDACTED], I agree that the terms and conditions set forth in this letter agreement constitute the terms and conditions agreed upon with USPS for EMS items exchanged between [REDACTED] and USPS from October [REDACTED]

Signature

Name

Title

12-17-2019

Date